

SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Present: Kathi Liberman, Jane-Helen Ross, Donna Mattison, Carol Tedone, Gerri Roberts, Estelle Knurek, Joe Mehan, Claire Mehan, Adele Antoniou, Christine Taylor, Kathy Bagley, Gerry Seklecki, Nancy Stilwell (ex-officio)

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM.

Minutes: A motion to accept the November minutes was made by Jane Helen Ross and seconded by Gerry Seklecki. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Old Business: Donna Mattison presented an update on the spring educational event which will be held on April 26th and focused on “Being a Smart and Safe Consumer.” There will be a keynote speaker and 4-5 panelists; who will focus on: Financial issues (credit banking, etc); Home improvement (contractors, scams, etc); Senior Safety (crime prevention); and Phone Mail and Internet solicitations. It is likely that the door prize(s) will be a shredder. Donna and the committee are working on food and beverages and hope to get most of that donated.

Committee Reports:

- Council – Gerri Roberts reported that the Town Council accepted the findings of the Ethics Committee but is not authorized to act on them. It will be up to the School Board to act, therefore it has been sent back to them.
- Housing - Kathi Liberman reported that there was a successful Seniors and Students as partners event in December.
- Clergy – No report
- AARP – Jane Helen Ross reported that they had a well attended and successful Christmas party. The January meeting was well attended. The current president is not going to continue so they will be looking for new officers this spring.
- Elderly Services – Chris Taylor reported that to date 396 applications for energy assistance have been taken. There is going to be a seminar on Medicare for “new” seniors on April 29th. Tax relief is available to those who are eligible. CL&P has reported an “affordability gap” that reflects what people are paying for energy vs. what they can truly afford. CT is the only New England state that does not have a lower rate for low income residents. The UM Army will do home repairs from July 18 – July 22nd.
- WACPD – The annual meeting on transportation will be in March. Date to be determined.
- Senior Club – no report
- Social Services – The Friends of the Library will hold a book sale in the lobby of the Community Center on Feb 2nd. Donna will be running a series of sessions on mind flexibility and strengthening .

New Business:

Joe Mehan reported that the Set Back group donated shopper gift cards to homeless vets in CT during the holidays.

The Senior Volunteer recognition event will be held on April 7th. A request for funds will be made at the next meeting.

Claire Mehan moved that the meeting be adjourned, 2nd by Jane Helen Ross. Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:

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